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The contents of this PCT application are incorporated in their entirety by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

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4. (Amended) Polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer composition is essentially halogen-free.

5. (Amended) Polymer composition according to claim 1, comprising between 2 and 5 wt. % antimony trioxide with an average particle size of at least 1.5 micrometers.

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7. (Amended) Polymer composition according to claim 1, containing between 0.5 and 3 wt. % antimony trioxide and between 0.1 and 3 wt. % nacreous pigment.

8. (Amended) Polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the nacreous pigment and the antimony trioxide lies between 1:5.5 and 1:50.

9. (Amended) Polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer composition is essentially halogen-free and contains a halogen-free flame retardant.

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11. (Amended) Article, wholly or partly made of the polymer composition according to claim 1.

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14. (Amended) Process according to claim 12, wherein the polymer composition contains between 0.5 and 5 wt. % of antimony trioxide.

15. (Amended) Process according to claim 12, wherein the polymer composition is essentially halogen-free.

16. (Amended) Process according to claim 12, wherein the polymer composition contains between 2 and 5 wt. % antimony trioxide with an average particle size of at least 1.5 micrometers.

A5 cont'd 17. (Amended) Process according to claim 12, wherein the polymer composition is essentially halogen-free and contains a halogen-free flame retardant.

A6 19. (Amended) Process for applying a dark laser marking onto a light background, which comprises irradiating an article consisting, at least at the place where the marking is applied, of a polymer composition according to claim 1, with a laser light in the pattern of the marking.

20. (Amended) Process according to claim 12, wherein the article is irradiated with laser light with a wavelength of 1064 nm.

21. (Amended) Process according to claim 12, wherein the article is irradiated with laser light from a diode-pumped laser.

22. (Amended) Process according to claim 12, wherein the article is radiated with laser light from an Nd:YAG laser.

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